

## **Hurricane Harvey Response 2017 and**

### **Community Liaison (CL) Report**

**TO:** Alpha Team Leader

**FROM:** CL Team: Deanna Collier, Ted Palit, Dorelle Harrison

**SUBJECT:** Summary Activity by the Team on September 19, 2017

**COUNTY:** Refugio County, Texas

**DATE:** 09/19/2017

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#### **SUMMARY:**

- Visited First Lutheran church in the City of Trivoli and spoke with a church member. Church experienced water damage to its floor, furniture and roof leaking. Damages were being repaired by the church members with assistance it got from its insurance company.
- Visited City of Trivoli and met Mr. Marcus Torres and his associate. Mr. Torres is doing a phenomenal job in collecting donation of household items, clothes and food, storing them in an abandoned store and distributing donated items to the neighboring residents.
- Visited Refugio County Courthouse and spoke with an office associate. She could not provide details of ongoing response activities in the absence of the Judge, Auditor, and the Treasurer. However, she mentioned the support the county is receiving from FEMA who are stationed in the City Hall office of Refugio.
- Visited the FEMA office personnel in its office located in the City Hall office of Refugio and spoke with the Officer-in-Charge, Mr. Brandon Whitman. Mr. Whitman provided details of FEMA activities in the Refugio County. FEMA reached out to each household in the affected cities in the Refugio County and documented damages caused by Hurricane Harvey. It also provided information to each affected resident to obtain assistance from various agencies like, \$500 financial help from Texas department of Health (800 582 5233); TSA for housing assistance (Femahotels.com) and Texas Department of Public Safety for assistance on mold issues([txdps.state.tx.us/DEM](http://txdps.state.tx.us/DEM)).

#### **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:**

- City of Tivoli may need assistance from Red Cross and Salvation Army, if possible.

#### **COMMUNITY CONCERNS:**

- Mold issue may need more attention in Refugio County.
- City of Tivoli may need assistance to obtain cash financial assistance from the State of Texas and Housing Assistance (hotel) from TSA.